Committee for the Advancement of General Applied Psychology

The Committee for the Advancement of General Applied Psychology (CAGAP) is pleased to invite nominations for 2028-2030. CAGAP anticipates three membership vacancies to serve three year terms. Each of our three slates is open to those with experience in any area of applied psychology and at any level of the career lifespan. We define "applied psychology" as the professional application of psychological science, knowledge, principles, methods, and procedures to address individual, group, organizational, community, or societal problems and opportunities, and to improve functioning at the individual, team, and organizational or systemic levels. Examples of potential application areas are provided below. Applicants with expertise in the teaching of psychology at a pre-college level or educational psychology are especially desired.

Mission: To promote the use, application, and advancement of psychological and behavioral science to solve individual, group, and systemic challenges in contexts beyond basic research and apart from direct therapeutic healthcare applications.

Qualifications: Applied psychology is work that often occurs outside of laboratory and therapeutic settings. The potential areas in which candidates could work or apply expertise for this committee is vast. CAGAP seeks psychologists, regardless of area of specialization, training, or subdiscipline, who work in some capacity (paid or voluntary) outside of the laboratory or the therapeutic setting. CAGAP also encourages nominations from across the career lifespan, including graduate student members with at least one academic year remaining in a graduate program at the start of their term, early career psychologists, mid-career psychologists, and senior level psychologists. **The following table presents a far from exhaustive list of examples of potentially relevant subdisciplines and areas of application in which applied psychologists work.**

Examples of Areas of Context

- Educational institutions, including but not limited work related to teaching, curriculum, administration/leadership, and assessment in formal and informal contexts
- Media and communications, including but not limited to work in social media and messaging or misinformation and manipulation
- Work organizations (public and private sector work, including but not limited to, non-profits, public safety and service, government, or the military)
- Legal system, including but not limited to work in criminal justice, civil litigation, and consulting on legal or procedural matters
- Program evaluation
- Engineering, design, and safety organizations, including but not limited to work in human-systems interaction and UX or digital technology work including AI
- Consumer and marketing organizations
- Human resources or organizational leadership
- Organizations focused on the environment, conservation, or design of work and public spaces
- Industrial/organizational or human factors contexts
- Occupational health
- Local, state, regional, or federal advocacy using psychological science
- Using psychological science to consult with public or private sector organizations, causes, groups, or individuals
- Work that relates to the application of expertise in subdisciplines of psychology (e.g., developmental, social, cognitive, biopsychological, evolutionary, etc.)
- Sport and athletic organizations, including organizations focused on optimizing human performance

A unifying theme is the Committee's interest in recruiting psychologists whose expertise involves the application of psychological science and methods (beyond provision of healthcare services) to address real-world problems.

Commitment:

- Attendance at monthly virtual committee meetings, typically not to exceed 1-2 hours, and engagement in prompt, asynchronous correspondence with Committee members in listserv discussions and/or emails between meetings.
- Attendance at subcommittee meetings, as needed, following through on needed work projects between meetings.
- An eagerness to serve as an ambassador for applied psychology and behavioral science, beyond the provision or management of direct psychology health services.
- A willingness to devote energy to developing inclusive and positive professional relationships and connections throughout the APA membership and beyond that will help elevate the profile and advance the cause of applied psychology.
- A willingness to serve as a liaison to at least one APA Board or Committee, which involves both bringing back items and information of relevance to CAGAP as well as advocating for CAGAP priorities.
- A willingness to dedicate reasonable amounts of time between meetings to support specific activities the Committee may undertake.
- Participation at one two-day in-person/hybrid meeting each year in Washington DC, with expenses reimbursed by APA
- Attendance and participation in Committee activities at APA's Annual Convention are encouraged, if possible, though expenses cannot be reimbursed

How to apply or nominate a colleague:

Nominations should be submitted to https://nomination.apa.org/ by January 29, 2027

Nominees will be asked to submit the following:

- A brief letter of intent of no more than 300 words outlining your qualifications for consideration as a nominee. You are encouraged to highlight any unique experiences, including those that demonstrate your commitment to inclusive excellence, ethical leadership, and advancing psychology to benefit all communities, that might speak to your interest in CAGAP's work.
- CV or resume

  Note: An APA membership *is required* to serve on the Committee. If you are invited to serve, and are not an APA member, you will be asked to start or renew your membership. CAGAP welcomes nominations from all qualified psychologists (and graduate students, if applicable). In selecting members, CAGAP considers a broad range of professional experiences, perspectives, and areas of expertise that support its mission. Psychologists (and graduate students, if applicable) from all backgrounds and career stages who

can contribute to addressing the field's evolving needs and challenges are encouraged to seek nomination.

Leadership positions are open to all individuals regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or any other protected category under applicable federal and state law

Nominees are encouraged to review APA's Strategic Plan to familiarize themselves with the larger context in which their expertise and interests will contribute to APA's success.

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